As per the provisions of Electricity Act, 2003 the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) have the powers to fix the tariff for the sale of electricity to consumers including farmers. Section 65 of the Act, provides that in case the State Government likes to subsidise any consumer or class of consumers the State Government shall pay to the concerned utility/licensee the full amount required for the purpose.

(b) and (c) National Electricity Policy envisages "Power for all by 2012" and per capita availability of power to be increased to over 1,000 units by 2011-12. According to the estimation of Central Electricity Authority, capacity addition of about 1,00,000 MW is required during 10th and 11th plans period. Identification and execution of power projects is an ongoing exercise. At present, projects aggregating over 39,300 MW are under execution. About 16,900 MW has been commissioned in the Xth Plan so far.

Rehabilitation of Tehri Dam displaced persons

*214. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tehri Dam displaced persons who have been provided agricultural land by THDC at Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad, Haridwar have not settled there due to inadequate facilities;

(b) whether agricultural land has been provided separetly from residential area;

(c) whether this is making it difficult for the allottees as agricultural plots have neither been provided with electricity connections nor have these plots been clearly and individually marked by signboards;

(d) if so, by when electricity connections and individual marking is likely to be provided to these agricultural plots; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (e) The rehabilitation work of the Tehri Project is being carried out by the Government of Uttaranchal in accordance with the recommendations of the Expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of Prof. Hanumantha Rao and which has been accepted

by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that all facilities including roads, electricity, drinking water supply, irrigation and other essential community facilities *i.e.* schools, barat ghar, shops, dispensaries, places of whorship, etc. have been provided at Mauja Pathri/Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad rehabilitation sites in District Haridwar. Agricultural plots (2 acre each) have been provided separately from residential plots (200 Sq. m. each) and all individual agricultural plots were marked by RCC pillars and earthen boundaries. Government of Uttaranchal has informed that further demarcation can be done at any time on demand of the individual oustees. Since developed irrigated land has already been provided for agricultural plots, further electric connections are to be provided by the State Powerd Distribution Utility on application of the individuals.

Extension of Mid-Day Meal Scheme

*215. SHRI A.K. ANTONY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has represented for the extension of Mid-Day Meal Scheme for students from class VII to class X;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala had requested for extension of the Mid Day Meal Scheme up to class X level.

(c) The Mid Day Meal Scheme of the Government of India covers the primary level only. There is no proposal at present to extend the Mid Day Meal Scheme up to class X.

Mega power projects

*216. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up mega power projects of 4000 MW each costing about Rs. 16000 crores during 2006;